

Winston Churchill Honored by the Isle of Man

On January 2, the Isle of Man Post Office commemorated the 50th anniversary of the death of Winston Churchill, in a set of eight stamps that celebrate his life.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of his final year. To showcase the range of Churchill's life activities from statesman and orator to leisure painter and brick-layer, the Isle of Man Post Office collaborated with the Churchill Archives Centre and Chartwell. Chartwell was a family home and the place from which Sir Winston Churchill drew inspiration from 1924 until the end of his life.

The stamps are available in mint condition and Cancelled to Order, mounted on a specially-designed First Day Cover, accompanied by an illustrated information card, and accompanied by a four-page mini brochure revealing more of the Churchill story and featuring additional photographs.

The issue bears the official Churchill 2015 logo of the Churchill Alliance, which is spearheading commemorations of the 50th anniversary



sary of his death, and text written by Allen Packwood, Director of the Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge.

Churchill was born into an aristocratic family in 1874 and served with the British military before being first elected a Member of Parliament in 1900. He is best remembered for his leadership during World War II, after becoming Prime Minister in 1940, and his rousing speeches which galvanized British morale in the face of German aggression.

Despite losing the 1945 general election, Churchill remained in politics until 1964, a year before his death at the age of 90.

He was also a published author, writing extensively on history and military campaigns, and a dedicated painter whose works are still collected and acclaimed today.

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